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SUBJECT: GOI REFUSAL OF ACCREDITATION TO N.Y. TIMES CORRESPONDENT

HENRY KAMM

1. N.Y. TIMES ROVING CORRESPONDENT HENRY KAMM (OPERATING OUT OF PARIS) ARRIVED DELHI JULY 12, ENTERING ON AIRPORT TOURIST VISA FOR 28 DAYS (RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT WILLIAM BORDERS IS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE IN U.S.) N.Y. TIMES HAD APPLIED FOR REGULAR VISA FOR KAMM TO INDIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON JUNE 11 BUT RECEIVED NO REPLY. KAMM APPLIED FOR ACCREDITATION IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AND WAS GIVEN 48 HOUR ACCREDITATION TO COVER NON-ALIGNED PRESS POOL CONFERENCE WHILE FURTHER CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO HIS REQUEST FOR EXTENDED ACCREDITATION.

2. JULY 15 KAMM LEFT DELHI FOR DHARAMSALA WHERE HE INTERVIEWED (AND REPORTED ON) TIBETANS, AND FOR SRINAGAR WHERE HE INTERVIEWED SHEIKH ABDULLAH, RETURNING TO DELHI JULY 20. AT KAMM'S REQUEST, EMBASSY CONTACTED MEA OVER THE WEEKEND TO ASK THAT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BE TAKEN ON HIS REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION. ON KAMM'S RETURN, HE WAS INFORMED BY MEA (PRESS SECRETARY) THAT BECAUSE HE HAD ARRIVED WITHOUT APPROPRIATE VISA AND BECAUSE HE HAD LEFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELHI AND ACTED AS CORRESPONDENT WITHOUT ACCREDITATION BETWEEN

JULY 15-20, HIS REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION WAS BEING DENIED
ALTHOUGH HE COULD REMAIN IN INDIA FOR REMAINDER OF HIS
TOURIST VISA'S VALIDITY IF HE DID NOT WORK DURING THAT TIME.

3. EMBASSY AGAIN REQUESTED MEAD TO RECONSIDER DECISION (WHICH
MEA PRESS SECRETARY MADE CLEAR HAD BEEN TAKEN AFTER CON-
SULTATIONS WITH OTHER LEVELS IN THE GOI). MEA PRESS SECRETARY
AGREED TO "SEEK FURTHER ADVICE" AND HOPES TO HAVE RESPONSE
JULY 22. KAMM IS CONTACTING N.Y. TIMES TO FIND OUT WHAT
TIMES WISHES HIM TO DO SINCE HE DOES NOT WISH JEOPARDIZE
TIMES BUREAU IN DELHI OR POSSIBLE RETURN OF BORDERS (WHO HAS
NOT YET RECEIVED REENTRY VISA ALTHOUGH HE IS DUE BACK FROM
LEAVE IN ABOUT TEN DAYS).
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